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Rdo. Padre Luís Ellaçuria, cmf.

Ap. 30 -FATIMA

Saúdo-o em Xto. Jesus e por seu intermédio cumprimen-  
to todos os aspirantes claretianos de Adoração perpétua.

Regressei ontem das nossas Missões de Angola e S. To-  
mé e li então as suas cartas de 19 de Fevereiro e de 3 de Abril. Agradeço  
sinceramente e, quanto aos votos pascaes, retribuo.

Eu tinha pedido a declaração manuscrita de cada um  
dos norte-americanos no sentido de livre e responsável se desligarem  
da Província Port. dos CMFF., à qual pertenciam de algum modo pelo ingres-  
so no "nosso" Novicado, conforme declaração também assinada por todos em  
17 de Setembro de 1971. Tenho tido este cuidado de tudo exarar por escrito  
para que, no caso ou V. R. ou eu, deixarmos os cargos ou morrenmos, saberem  
os sucessores o que houve e o que há dum e doutro lado.

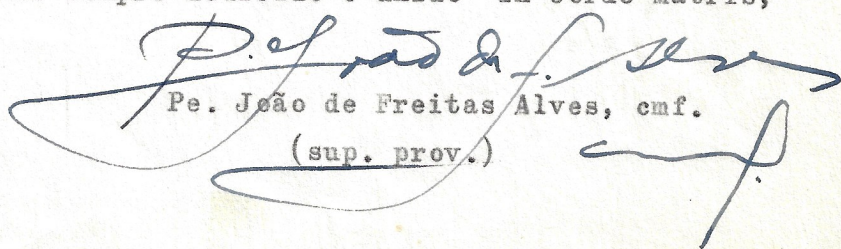
Assim, também, tenho uma resposta a dar quer às famílias  
quer à Congregação, começando pelo governo geral. E resta-me a certeza de  
que sempre e em tudo fui respeitando a liberdade e as opções do grupo.

Soube do tratado com o Rvmo. Padre Geral e com o Bispo  
de Leiria. Oxalá nasca, cresça, floresça o ramo dos claretianos adoradores!

Deve visitá-lo o Pe. Cunha Portugal, franciscano, que  
projecta um Cenáculo em Fátima para sacerdotes adoradores. Julgo útil que am-  
bos falem e se ajudem, pois a ideia é muito similar.

Nada tem a agradecer-me, pois tudo fiz como irmão de  
Congregação, era dever, e buscando a maior glória de Deus, é missão.

Creia-me sempre dedicado e unido in Corde Matris,

  
Pe. João de Freitas Alves, cmf.

(sup. prov.)

21.IV.72



MISSIONARIES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT  
AND PERPETUAL VENERATION  
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Apartado 30

FATIMA, PORTUGAL

The Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration

The great apostle of the nineteenth century, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, was supernaturally gifted with many graces. Above all, with a threefold charisma: zeal for souls, devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On February 9, 1972, began in Fatima a new Congregation, whose full title is Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., is the founder. This new Congregation has Saint Anthony Mary Claret as its exemplar. Its aim is to imitate Saint Anthony Mary Claret in his zeal for souls, in his seraphic devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and in his perfect filial love to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us explain how the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration are going to fulfill these three aims.

- I. The first aim of this Congregation will be as Missionaries. It will be by recalling, at least hourly, the fourth word of Our Lord from the Cross: "Sitio!" "I thirst!" Let the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration renew their apostolic zeal on behalf of all souls, a) by praying for the suffering souls in Purgatory; b) for the perseverance and greater sanctification of the just; c) for the conversion of sinners; d) for all those sick, either physically or mentally; e) for the persecuted and imprisoned; f) for those tempted or in any peril of body and soul; g) for all those in any spiritual or temporal affliction; h) and above all, for the salvation of all people in their last agony and about to die that day, so that they may all be saved. It is this last item that will be a special charisma that God will give to all those who are faithful to their vocation in this Congregation. That is, to assist, spiritually, every dying person with the charisma given to St. Camillus de Lellis and his friars.
- II. The second aim of this Congregation will be practiced by Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Particularly, for each member to call to mind, daily and hourly, and as devoutly as possible, the Mysteries of Holy Thursday: the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, of the Holy Priesthood, and of the New Commandment of Brotherly Love.
- III. The third aim of this Congregation will be the Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Particularly, by re-enacting interiorly, at least once an hour, the third words of Our Lord from the Cross: "Behold thy son; behold thy Mother," in renewing their thorough filial consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

These three points find their fulfillment in making the members of this new Congregation the apostles of the entire message of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima.



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Each one of the members of this new Congregation, whether priests, clerics or bothers, have every day, at least, three hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Because of it, they blend their missionary life with the life of contemplation. Though a completely independent Congregation from the Claretian Fathers, they wish to emulate them in their enthusiastic attachment to their glorious Founder, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, and to all his asceticism and all of his ideals, expressed in the motto of his episcopal coat-of-arms: "Caritas Christi urget nos." "The love of Christ presseth us on."

The charisma of Fatima is two-fold: the Holy Eucharist and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here again, this new Congregation has begun in Fatima to be the missionaries of the full message of Fatima, particularly of this two-fold charisma: the Holy Eucharist and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saint Anthony Mary Claret is considered the greatest and best forerunner of Fatima's message. His statue is on the right-hand side of the main altar in the Basilica of Fatima. Through that symbolic statue, Saint Anthony Mary Claret is inviting his new sons, the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration, to continue the work that the three young shepherds, Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta began in 1917. This new Congregation intends to strive, in all its endeavors, to be genuine sons of the Church; to work with and defend the Holy Father, particularly in his infallibility; to go completely against the spirit of the world and its false maxims; This Congregation rejects any sort of liberalism, any undue liberty, and embraces fully the practice of every Christian virtue, as Saint Anthony Mary Claret. In imitation of this great saint, their holy zeal will embrace and use every means of apostolic work for the salvation of all souls.

*Fr. Eloyius Ellacuria C.M.F.*



MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORGUIDE IN MENTAL PRAYER

## 1. Beginners

The beginners are manifestly those who have set themselves to the task of serving God according to their obligations. The chief object of their efforts must be the death of our old self--the fight against sin, especially the habit of sin. For this class the most useful subjects of mental prayer are the solemn truths of our holy religion: the end of man, salvation, sin and its ravages in the soul, its punishment and expiation in the fallen angels, in our first parents, in the Passion and Death of our Lord; the four last things: death, judgment, hell, and heaven. To these subjects may be added others capable of reanimating hope and love: the parable of the prodigal son and the Good Shepherd, the kindness of Jesus toward penitent sinners, and Mary's love and compassion for sinners. Thus the beginners endeavor to awaken in their hearts sentiments of repentance, confusion, and fear, and then of confidence and love; but above all they firmly resolve, at all costs, to fight against sin and what ever leads to sin. This state will last until the passions are readily overcome, and mortal sin is habitually avoided.

## 2. The Intermediate

The intermediate, or those more advanced, are such Christians as try to put on Christ by the imitation of His virtues; they succeed in avoiding mortal sin habitually, but easily fall into venial sin; they allow themselves to be drawn to exterior things, and are not sufficiently master over the movements of their hearts. They understand, however, the excellence of the Christian life and the beauty of virtue; they endeavor to avoid deliberate venial sins. The most suitable subjects of meditation for them are the examples of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the Saints. The commandments of God and of the Church, the duties of their state, and the various virtues are also useful subjects of meditation we will mention especially faith, hope, charity, humility, self-denial, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. For religious, besides the above, the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and the rules of the institute to which they belong should also receive attention.

## 3. The Most Advanced

The perfect are those who have reached the goal, who find their greatest happiness in the thought of God and in His Holy service. They have a horror for sin, both mortal and venial; they live in habitual union with God, and constantly strive to be more and more closely united to Him by the thought of His presence, by purity of intention, and by conformity to His holy will--the three bonds of perfect love. They meditate with ease and profit on God and His attributes, chiefly on His goodness and mercy, on His love for man, on the Holy Eucharist, the Passion, and the various mysteries of our holy religion.

These three states are also known as the purgative, the illuminative, and unitive ways; or also as the states of penitence, of justice, and of perfection. The reasons for these appellations are obvious. Note well, however, that these distinctions cannot be absolute. In fact, perfection, in this world, has its shortcomings and imperfections, and, on the other hand many a sinner is capable of generous efforts without quitting the state of a beginner. We find ourselves in one or the other of these states, in so far as the characteristics of that particular state predominate in us. It is scarcely necessary to say that the duration of the states is not the same for all.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON FATHER ALOYSIUS:

The following announcement was made by the Claretian Provincial Government in the April, 1972 issue of "C.M.F. Tips", a newsletter of the Claretian Western Province in Los Angeles:

Aloysius Ellacuria, with the permission of the General Government, has been given a one-to-three year leave from our Province in order to be with the new orders of which he is the founder.

Rather than become a contemplative branch of the Claretians, the ten American candidates now making their novitiate in Fatima, Portugal, are now a Pious Association in the diocese of Leiria, Portugal, under Bishop John Pereira. The new groups have the tentative name of "Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (M.A.P.)".

The new group of sisters, Missionary Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, have also been established in the diocese of Leiria under Bishop Pereira.

BENEFIT DINNER SEEN AS SUCCESS

The dinner entertainment and hosts each contributed to the evening enjoyed by all the hungry participants. Over \$2,000.00 was raised as a result. Father Delgado wishes to thank all those who were responsible for this success, namely, all the donors, workers, and servers. We are grateful in a special way for the generosity of the Arpaia family.

SPIRITUAL BOOKS FOR FATHER ALOYSIUS

Father has expressed a need for spiritual books for his novices in Portugal. Do you have a good religious book or spiritual classic you would care to donate? If so, please bring to any guild meeting and leave them with one of the officers or let Connie Vorndran (398-7109) know what book you have to donate. We will try to pick up from you.

MOVING AGAIN???

Please advise the newsletter address chairman ahead of moving time. Your cooperation will assure you of receiving all the newsletters.

Chairman address; Alice Desjardins  
2482 Colby Ave.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90064



PLEASE OBSERVE:

Members of all guilds are requested to try to be in their seats 15 minutes before the scheduled start of each meeting for silent meditation in preparation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to pray for success of the meeting. Meetings are started promptly at the time scheduled.

You are urged to invite as many new members as possible to each of our Claretian Missionary Auxiliary Guild meetings.

PORTRAIT OF FATHER ALOYSIUS AVAILABLE AGAIN

Due to many requests, we have had 100 portraits made. Only one size, 5"x7", is being offered. The portrait is in color and is professionally touched up. The price of \$4.00 a picture includes tax, cardboard frame, mailer, and cost of mailing.

Make all checks or money orders payable to the photographer, Jerry Pevehouse. Send the order to the Portrait Chairman R. LaCaze

825 15th St.  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD: Meets first Saturday May 6th, at 9:30 A. M. Rosary 9:45 A. M. Holy Mass and Homily at 10:00 A. M. followed by refreshments.

Many years ago Father Aloysius told our Guild that if we were able to say fifteen decades of the Rosary each day and did not, it was simply because we did not love the Blessed Mother enough. If we unite in great numbers, these could be very effective prayers to clean up the world.

Please pray for our ill, convalescent, and confined members: Marie Roth, Katie Lennon, and Grace Rauckhorst—who had a light cerebral hemorrhage.

PLEASE VISIT OUR SHUT-INS: Mrs. Eda Schneider, Meals Guest Home, 1201 Third Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA GUILD: Due to lack of attendance at recent meetings, this guild has been disbanded. Members who have been attending this second Wednesday guild are encouraged to attend one of the four guilds which are meeting regularly.

LAMB OF SAN DIEGO: The third Friday May 19, 7:30 P. in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Rosary, Holy Mass, Homily and Benediction. Saturday May 20 at 7:30 P.M. monthly evening of recollection in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MISSION GUILD: Meets on first Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:30 P.M. followed by refreshments. The two Claretian Benefit Dinner tickets raffled at the April meeting were won by the Walter Russell family of Westlake Village, Ca. The support of all who contributed to this raffle is sincerely appreciated.

MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART GUILD: Meets first Thursday, May 4, 1972, at 9:45 A. M. Wouldn't you enjoy weaving a garland of roses for Our Blessed Mother and presenting it to her? You can by the recitation of an additional rosary and other acts of devotion. Be sure to bring a friend or two to participate with us in honoring her this month.

At the request of many who heard the wonderful experience related by our President, Margaret Fling, at our last meeting, the following prayer is set forth: "Little Flower, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, in this hour, show thy power". This should be followed by 24 Glory Be's. It is a powerful and efficacious way to implore the Saint's intercession.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET GUILD: Meets on first Friday May 5th with the Rosary at 9:45 A. M. and Holy Mass at 10:00 A. M. Luncheon will follow in the Guild room.

FEAST DAYS IN MAY

1st	St. Joseph
2nd	St. Athanasius
3rd	St. Philip & James
11th	Ascension
12th	Ss. Nereus & Achilleus
	St. Pancras
18th	St. John I
20th	St. Bernardine
25th	St. Bede
	St. Gregory VII
	St. Mary Magdalene
26th	St. Philip Neri
27th	St. Augustine
31st	Visitation



May 1, 1972

Mr. W. Bessey, #40621  
28331 Pontevedra Dr.  
San Pedro, California 90732

Dear Mr. Bessey:

The Joint Committee has reviewed your request for a leave of absence in order to study Theology in Portugal. The procedures of the Contract and the Joint Labor Relations Committee require that a certification from the office of the Registrar of the school being attended be forwarded to the Committee indicating full enrollment and the period of time covered by this enrollment. That is, if it is a semester, providing the starting and ending dates of the semester in question.

The Committee urges you to comply with this request in order to protect your registration status for without this information, the Committee cannot approve your request for leave of absence, which will then subject you to potential deregistration.

Very truly yours,

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The reason for the delay in admitting new candidates for our Congregation has been the lack of room and funds. We are preparing room for twelve more in the quarters we are renting. All will be in readiness by the beginning of July. All candidates must send to me, under registered mail and as soon as possible, the following documents: 1) Baptismal Certificate; 2) Confirmation Certificate; 3) Photocopy of parents' Catholic Marriage certificate; 4) Letters of recommendation from two priests; 5) Highschool and college (and any special training) transcripts; 6) Medical check-up paper; 7) Draft clearance; 8) If you are under 21, letter from parents giving you permission to come to join this Congregation in Fatima. As soon as these documents are in my power, you will hear from me again, with a formal letter, about your acceptance into the Congregation.

Now, one important item that we must face if we wish to survive, as we do. So far, through our benefactors, I managed free room and board for our candidates. After a lengthy study and consultation on one side, and on the other as I see our money being about exhausted, I have taken the serious decision that every member, those that are here and those that are coming, should pay, for room and board, the amount of \$3.00 per day. This is not pleasant for me to tell you, but it is the only way we can manage at present, at least for this coming year. So, if you want to join us under these circumstances, see with your family, friends and acquaintances whether you can guarantee the sum of \$1,095.00 for room and board. But other personal items will be extra for you to pay, for example your clothing, toilet articles, medicines and phone calls home. If and when you come, come well supplied with personal toilet articles. In case some of you have to delay to meet these financial requirements, you may stay home as long as you need to meet these requisites. If you are working, save enough for your trip and your room and board, and the personal items mentioned above. Try to visit those people who are willing to help you, whether members of the family or friends.

Last but not least, I want only those to join this Congregation who are determined to become saints and to deny themselves for pure love of God, and to wage war always against the devil, the flesh and the world. God wants that this be an order of saints, and eventually quite a few of them will be martyrs for their faith in and their love for the Eucharistic Christ. Even those who have been sinners can become saints by regretting thoroughly their sins and offering Christ an ardent, repentant love. I don't want any mediocres here. Only sincerely good people who wish to spend their lives thoroughly in God's service in prayer and penance, and real zeal for the salvation of souls, particularly for those in their



DONITA C. MCFARLAND  
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last agony.

May you increase daily in your love for the Blessed Sacrament and in your filial affection for the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

In the Most Blessed Sacrament,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.



May 5, 1972

My dearest son Aloysius,

What a joy this morning in receiving your most beautiful letter. It made us all so happy. Yes, so happy. Since last Saturday at noon, our hearts were bleeding because we all love you so much and just began to miss your corporal presence. I have said two Masses Saturday and I pleaded all the Saints, during the Consecration, to stand up and, at one accord, to clamor to God the Father, with Christ, in Christ, and through Christ, the High Priest, for your perseverance that you be a holy priest. Yesterday I finished my Novena for you. Yesterday, Sunday, I continued the same way in my two Masses. The one at the Capelinha was attended by a huge crowd. I said the Mass in the center of the Capelinha, so that the people could see the priests from all sides. With all those people, I prayed at the Consecration for you, my dearest son, to bring you back and to make a masterpiece out of your soul. I pleaded with God for you and I didn't want any "no" for an answer. Your letter this morning, as I felt so low, revived me and I couldn't help but to tell all here, Brothers and Sisters, about your beautiful letter, so beautifully expressed. There's a real joy now among us because our most valuable member will be back. I ~~will~~ continue having you within my heart, to offer everything for your vocation. And I will send, constantly, the Angels to help you, console you, surround you, and accompany you everywhere, and above all to shelter you against the demons. You are very special, and I must do all I can for you.

Do extend my best regards to your loving mother and all your family, particularly your sister whom I met in the Provincial House and at the airport, because she has the makings of a saint. Encourage her to continue, if possible with daily Holy Mass and Communion and the Holy Rosary, with some spiritual reading each day. Greet Jim Conlan with all my affection. Speak much with him. And when you find the time propitious, come back with him. Tell Jim Conlan and the members of your family to be very quiet about not stating anything of your being home on leave of absence. Fr. Nylund is being transferred to the parish of St. Clement's in Santa Monica.

Everyone here sends their very best to you. Really, my dearest son, their very best, because they all love you very much. And their spirits this morning, on receiving your letter, have changed from deep sadness to hilarious joy. May our dearest St. Aloysius bestow all his attention and devotion on you.

Your spiritual father who loves you with a big, big heart,



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## TAX STATEMENT

Dear Taxpayer:

In checking the arithmetic on your income tax return, we had to make corrections for the reasons shown below.

Total Tax on Return_____	\$ 1,299.00
Correct Tax_____	\$ 1,392.00
Tax Withheld_____	1,355.19-
Estimated Tax Credits____	
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Balance Due IRS_____	\$ 36.95

Please make your check or money order for the above amount payable to Internal Revenue Service and show your social security number on it. Send it with this notice to the above address. If you have any questions about this notice, please see the other side.

\*See these items on the back for an explanation of interest or penalty charges.

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## ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE?

In the event we failed to give you credit for any payment you made, please accept our apology and be guided by the following:

1. If the payment not credited was made within the last four weeks or so, we will credit it soon. You need not write us. Just subtract the payment we haven't included, and send us the adjusted balance with a copy of this notice.
2. If the payment not credited was made more than four weeks ago, subtract it from the balance due and send us the adjusted balance with a copy of this notice. Also, please complete the appropriate section of the form below.

We will be glad to answer any other questions you have about this notice; just write to the Chief, Correspondence Section, Internal Revenue Service Center, at the address shown on the front. Include a copy of this notice.

This notice is not the result of an audit of your return. When we select a return for audit, we notify the taxpayer.

## EXPLANATION OF PENALTY OR INTEREST CHARGES

- A—Your return was not filed and your tax was not paid by the due date. The combined penalty is 5 percent of the tax not timely paid for each month or part of a month the return was late, but not more than 25 percent.  
If you believe you had reasonable cause for late filing and late payment, please attach an explanation to this notice (unless you have previously sent us an explanation).
- B—A penalty has been added for negligence.
- C—A penalty has been added for a dishonored check.
- D—Interest has been computed at the rate of 6 percent a year on the balance due from the due date of the return to the date of payment or date of this notice, whichever is earlier.
- E—A penalty has been added for underpayment of estimated tax.
- F—A penalty has been added for not furnishing your social security number.
- G—A penalty has been added at 1/2 percent for each month or part of a month the tax was paid late. However, any period used in computing a penalty explained in A, above, has been excluded in computing this penalty for late payment.

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PLEASE CORRECT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, NAME OR ADDRESS, IF INCORRECTLY SHOWN ON THE FRONT.



May 11th

Kevin:

I am being held responsible ultimately for the fact that the three boys are not returning. It has also been reported to Father that I have communicated information prejudicial to the Order to benefactors. Since you and Mrs. Flocca are the only ones with whom I have discussed matters of the Order, I am asking your help in getting this matter cleared up. Could you send to Father any correspondence that you have from me, or copies of same, so he can make a competent judgment of the statements and the motives?

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6600 LITTLE FALLS ROAD  
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P. O. Box 593  
Temple City, California 91780

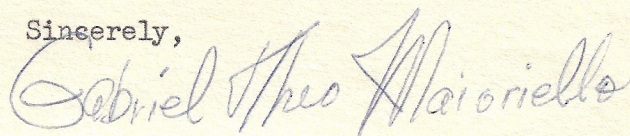
Dear Brother Joseph:

May I recommend Joseph Skube as an applicant for your community. I have known Joseph for several years and find that he shows positive virtues which would certainly make him eligible for consideration to the religious life or the priesthood.

Although I am not his pastor, I have had the opportunity of observing him in my own parish church where he is faithful to daily Mass and shows a great devotion and loyalty to the Blessed Virgin.

If there is any further information you desire, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rev. Msgr. Gabriel Theo. Maioriello  
Principal

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P. S. I know nothing about your community, but I am impressed by its basic principles and I pray that the Lord will bless you with vocations.



J. M. J.

May 9, 1972

Dear Father Nylund,

Enclosed you will find check for \$2569.32 -- the May collections for the seminary in Fatima.

I fear that great calumnies will arise regarding the decision to dismiss Joe, Dennis, and Rob. Already the Langfords are considering returning the monies they have collected to the respective donors. I had Rob and the Langfords phone Betty Gaffney, who told them it is most likely a temporary situation, and she pacified them, telling them to keep quite.

In any event, please keep us informed. I will be awaiting further word from you as to what if anything we tell our benefactors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Kevin*

P.S. Please send an acknowledgement whether you received the check.



MISSIONARIES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION  
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OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
Apartado 30  
FATIMA, PORTUGAL

May 10, 1972

Joseph Langford  
1550 Berenda Place  
El Cajon, California 92020

Dear Mr. Langford:

This is to inform you that the three Fathers, who undersign this letter, Fr. Joseph Breault, M.A.P., Fr. Donald Nylund (living with us), and myself, Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., studied your case thoroughly and the three of us agreed to dismiss you definitely from our Congregation of Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. This is very unpleasant to you and to us, but we deem it necessary.

Sincerely,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Superior

Fr. Joseph Breault, M.A.P.  
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Fr. Donald Nylund  
Vocational Consultor



K. V. ...  
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*Donation*

**AIR MAIL**

Father Nylund  
Apartado 30  
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*AFTER ANSWERING PLEASE RETURN TO  
BR. Aloysius.*



3125 Mountain View Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90066 USA  
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Father Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF  
Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Perpetual  
Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Apartado 30  
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My dear Father Aloysius,

Just a short note to let you know that both telegrams have been received and to inform you of what action has been taken.

Mother Claire's telegram to Virginia Leet requesting air shipment of your card files arrived Friday, May 5. She had already put the cards into the hands of a woman who was going to type labels from them (for only \$15, a very low price). Virginia got them back and delivered them to me late Sunday evening. I packed them Monday evening and shipped them via TWA Air Freight on Tuesday, May 9. TWA said they would be in Lisbon ready for you to receive and take through customs on Thursday, May 11. They will notify you when the file cards arrive in Lisbon. In accordance with your request, we retain no record of the names and addresses here. The woman who was going to type them had not yet started.

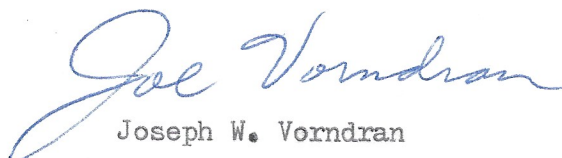
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Just received a note from Tillie. She said that Mrs. Begar has several boxes you sent from San Antonio. You may wish to contact her to tell her how to dispose of them. Her address should be in your card file.

Enclosed is a check from Rose Betzen to compensate you for sending you a smaller statue of Our Lady of Fatima (20 or 24 instead of 28 inches). This came some time ago and I misplaced it. Perhaps it will be necessary for Rose, who I assume is still in Fatima, to give you a new check since this is so old.

We have heard a report that your health is very poor at this time, Father. We pray daily for your health, as well as spiritual and material needs. We hope that your health will soon be good.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

  
Joseph W. Vorndran







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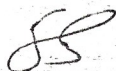


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Calendar of important events

- October 11, 1971 -- Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, S.M.P., with ten young men come from Los Angeles, California to Fatima, Portugal with the intention of starting a Eucharistic house within the Claretian Congregation.
- December 11, 1971 -- Fr. Ellacuria becomes sick. Upon the advice of the Figueiredo's family doctor he is taken from the Claretian Novitiate to the Casa da Azinheira, where he paid for all his room and board and medication.
- January 26, 1972 -- Bishop Joao Pereira Venancio approves Fr. Ellacuria's group of Sisters (MD of SANC) to come to Fatima. *350,000 + 55,000 cash upon receipt*
- January 27, 1972 -- Three of Fr. Ellacuria's young men pay 405.000\$00 in Fatima to bank account of Maria Tereza Lacorda de Figueiredo, owner of the Casa da Azinheira, in the presence of her married daughter, Maria Tereza Roarigues Ventura.  
--Receipt is obtained afterwards on the same day in Leiria.
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March 12, 1972 -- Ultimatum is presented to Fr. Ellacuria by Mr. Rodrigues Ventura, son-in-law of Maria Tereza Lacorda de Figueiredo.
- March 13, 1972 -- Fr. Ellacuria refuses to accept ultimatum.
- March 26, 1972 -- Joseph Langford, the one who sided with the Casa da Azinheira, willingly leaves Fatima to go home to San Diego, California.
- April 15, 1972 -- Fr. Ellacuria moves out of the Casa da Azinheira to rejoin his students at Casa de Sao Joao Eudes, Fatima.
- May 7, 1972 -- Fr. Ellacuria sends official letter of dismissal to Joseph Langford in San Diego.
- May 13, 1972 -- Fr. Nylund is told by owners, as answer to his letter, that they have already sold their house to the Fundacao Auxilium some time earlier.

Kevin J. Manion

545 S. Figueroa St 624-0881

Los Angeles, Calif 90017



JUNE  
May 13, 1972

J.M.J.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Enclosed is a check for \$1050.29 for the collections made in May. You will notice that we are down from the previous month. I am also enclosing a list of the names and amounts donated. Again, I will send the addresses when I have time -- this weekend.

Father, I have been considering whether I have a vocation to your newly founded Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. I have a deep love of St. Anthony Mary Claret, and from the books I have read, find his life interesting and edifying. Please help me in my decision, for I need guidance. As I told Bro. Aloysius, who has just come back, the only thing holding me back at the moment is Dr. Whitaker, who suggested that for the time being I wait for a few years before even thinking about such a vocation. But I can not rid myself of the thought. Underneath, I still hope and pray that someday I will become a priest, to glorify God, and to save souls. You have always been most encouraging, and I hope you might give me some advice. I am on my own building a prayer life, and read spiritual books constantly. At present I am reading the life of St. John Bosco, who certainly had his problems with his new order. At one time ~~two~~ two clerics came to question him about his schemes, as they wanted to take him to the asylum! It reminds me of your own trials you have to put up with.

Anyway, I hope you can help my plight. Do you still think that I should join your order? Thank you for prayers.

Bro. Aloysius Bessey has come at a most opportune time. And he said he will be going back in July with Jim Conlan.

Thankyou for the great work you are doing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Kevin Manner

P.O. Box 593

TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780

PS MORE LATER —



May 16, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vorndran  
3125 Mountain View Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90066

Dearest Joseph and Connie,

Words fail me to thank you adequately for all that you have been doing for me. I received your third letter to me today. You have gone through so much trouble because of me.

May I make a little suggestion, but in absolute secrecy. This suggestion, in case you carry it out, my name should never be mentioned as the one who mentioned it to you. It is that yourselves, with the most prominent people out of those who were helping the Claretians, get together and write and sign a letter to Fr. Provincial, Bernard O'Connor, telling him that you have been helping the Claretians throughout all these years, but are quite shocked about the two articles that have appeared in the Los Angeles Times and decided that as long as the Claretians hold these opinions, particularly questioning the infallibility of the Pope, and following the liberal ideas, you have decided to discontinue helping them. But the moment they return to the right ways of the Catholic Church, you will be willing to continue your help. Please do not use my name when you call on the others because, even if you tell them to keep it secret, they will be telling one another just the same and, before long, the Claretians will find out that it was I who suggested this letter. Don't say to anyone that I told you. Make it completely your own. And if somebody asks if I have any part in it, say "no", because I don't have any part in it and I make it all your own project, dearest Joseph and Connie. Any disclosure of my name would be most fatal in their retaliation against me. I have enough enemies already and my poor health does not allow me to bear any more for the present. If you could get the two Arpaia's who have been giving those dinners for the Claretians, and Mrs. Shipstad and other influential people that you know who would be co-operative with you.

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3125 Mountain View Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90068

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May 18, 1972.

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They can all be assured that we are praying for all of them in our prayers, those of the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration and those of the Missionary Daughters of St Anthony Mary Claret.

Please tell all my friends that I give them all my blessings and that they all feel free to write if wishing to do so. It will take two or three weeks for the reply since we are catching up on our mail.

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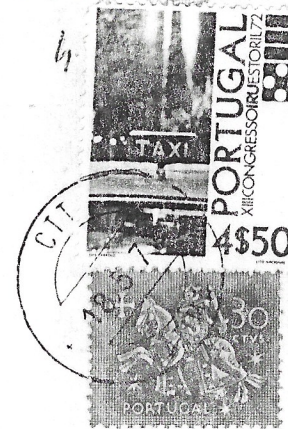
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91780

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IL SEGRETARIO  
DI S. E. IL CARD. LARRAONA

Saluda al R. d. P. Juan  
Luis Elcheuri. He tardado un poco en contestar-  
le porque esperaba enviarte inmediatamente una  
respuesta completa. Pero, como la respuesta se  
va dilatando, le pongo estas líneas para de-  
cirle que la Junta no ha caído en saco  
voto.



Si la obra que está realizando es de Dios,  
no habrá fuerza creada que pueda obstaculi-  
zar su empuje.

Entre tanto le digo que el mundo del  
espíritu claretiano es el cielo por la fe de  
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ciales.

Quepue por un

af—o.

Francisco Penzance E.M.F.

Barra, 4-5-42



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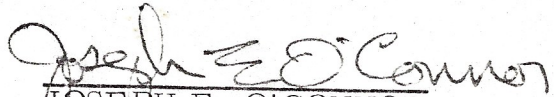
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I have been informed by some people who contributed at the recent fund raising activities at the homes of the Tucker's, Pesely's, and Bucon's that they desired that their checks be returned because of this recent development. In order to give each of you who contributed at these fund raising activities the same consideration, I am returning all the checks.

If you still want to contribute, please send your checks directly to Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration, P.O. Box 598, Temple City, California 91780.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Incidentally, the corporate name of Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration has been changed to Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration.

  
JOSEPH E. O'CONNOR  
Attorney for the Missionaries  
of Perpetual Adoration



00197 Roma - Via Sacro Cuore di Maria, 5  
Tel. 87.81.89

*Il Superiore Generale dei Missionari  
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Muchos saludos y que el Señor le ayude en todo. In C.M.  
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*P. Antonio Lepore*



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Muy estimado Padre Ellacuría:

Para arreglar jurídicamente su permiso de ausencia, necesitamos un Visto Bueno del Sr. Obispo de Leiria, diciendo que le permite que se quede en Fátima para hacerse cargo del grupo de jóvenes que Dios le ha confiado.

To escribí al Sr. Obispo hace meses, cuando le encomendé la Obra, pero no tuve el placer de tener contestación.

Ese Nihil Obstat lo necesitamos como conditio sine qua non.

Muchos saludos y que el Señor le ayude en todo. In C.M.  
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28 Mayo de 1872

Director for our Congregation.

The principal reasons for Joseph Langford's dismissal were six: (to be explained further, below)

- I) Open disloyalty and betrayal to Father Aloysius
- II) Undue attachments to the ladies of the house where Father was sick from Dec. 11, 1971 until April 15, 1972.
- III) Particular friendship with Dennis Kelly, breaking this way the fraternal Charity of the community, for preferring him to the community.
- IV) Pride and blindness in not admitting his faults
- V) Independence from the Superior
- VI) Snitching, like a five year old boy to his mother, even for the most trifling things of the community.

As stated above, Father does not need to give reasons to other people for a dismissal from his own Congregation. In this case, however, since a considerable sum of money is being held up (\$8,000.00) that was meant for our Congregation; since we have been shown some of the calumnious letters that Joseph Langford is continuing daily to write to persons that we know in Fatima; and since many of Father's friends in the United States have asked Father for his side because of the slander that the Langfords insist on hurling against Father's name; Father wants to let you have the facts --to be placed in your confidential files-- so that you may act as a shield against the enemies of Father.

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I. From the beginning, Father honored Joseph Langford in every way. He couldn't have been nicer to him. He placed him in charge of us when Father was not with us, and gave him many other privileges. Father would have continued being good to Joseph, had he not been a traitor to Father--through his overboard attachment to a family here in Fatima.

The Figueiredo family's house was for sale (for \$70,000.00) and Father wanted to buy it --as it would have been suitable as a convent for Father's new order of Sisters (Missionary Daughters of St. Anthony Mary Claret). Certain members of the Figueiredo family wanted to exploit Father's funds. The Figueiredo family pampered Joseph and, by winning him over, used him as a tool to exploit Father. Father was helpless because he has been sick since Dec. 11th.

(A) After the family received the downpayment, January 27th, of \$15,000.00 from us, the family put up great resistance to sign any receipt. Joseph, representing Father at the time, did nothing. However, a notarized receipt was obtained through the exclusive efforts of Br. Aloysius Bessey, in spite of the utter disloyalty and betrayal on the part of Joseph.







(B) In March, certain members of the Figueiredo family tried again to exploit Father. Portuguese law states that if after one has made a downpayment on a house, he decides not to buy, he loses the downpayment. The family, having received another offer for their house, tried to force Father, who does not know the law, either to: 1) pay the balance (\$55,000.00) on the house before the end of 1972--with monthly payments of 10% interest until final payment of the balance; or, 2) back out of the deal. Both of these proposals were illegal to make, since they were not stated in the original contract. But they were giving Father only 12 hours (overnight) to decide (no time to consult a lawyer). Joseph was helping the Figueiredo family by telling them how much Father had in the bank (\$13,000.00) and defending them and their proposals because of his overboard attachment to them. Father, acting in good faith, to protect our community from bankruptcy, had to back out of the deal --thus losing \$15,000.00.

(C) Later, the family asked for a loan, from our community, of \$13,000.00 --exactly what we had in the bank (because Joseph had told them, betraying the secrets of the community). This would have destroyed us. But Joseph sympathized with the family against Father.

II. The Figueiredo family pampered Joseph Langford. Joseph became very attached to them: ate at their house almost daily; drove their car whenever he wanted to. They were using Joseph, giving him gifts, winning him over to their side. And Joseph's popularity with the family gradually prepared him to be just the tool the devil could use best against Father. Joseph became especially attached to one of the ladies of the house and would often spend time alone with her. He said that she was his "spiritual mother", and resembled his own mother who was the same age --just pampering his sensuality--with this family to whom he gave \$15,000.00, stolen from us. Joseph preferred the Figueiredo family to his own community. This is why, when others in our community, myself included, expressed to him their doubts about the sincerity of the Figueiredo family, Joseph told the Figueiredo family of this, and together with the family he expressed his indignation against us. On one particular occasion the Fr. Superior of the Claretians here in Fatima stated to me that the Figueiredo family, whom he knew very well, were charging us two or three times as much as their house is really worth. When I told this to Joseph, he immediately told that family and then he turned against me and against the rest of us who showed anything less than absolute confidence in the Figueiredo family's intentions.

III. Joseph broke fraternal charity in the community through his particular friendship with Dennis Kelly. These two spent a lot of time alone together --even after the hours of retiring--talking in Joseph's room. Not only was this against Grand Silence (i.e. absolute silence after night prayers) but the two shared their own opinions, for example on Zen Buddhism and even







### Footnotes

1. Antônio's demands forced Father to back out of the deal. It was illegal for Antônio to present these outrageous demands for two reasons: 1) Antônio had nothing to do with the sale of the house as he is not an owner. Antônio is the son-in-law of the widowed, ninety percent owner, Maria Tereza Lacerda Figueiredo. Mrs. Figueiredo has three children: Francisco ("Chico") Miguel Lacerda de Figueiredo; Tereza Figueiredo Ventura (wife of Antônio); and Maria Anunciação Lacerda Figueiredo (unmarried). Francisco and Tereza are each five per cent owners. It was the mother and the two daughters who told us that Antônio has nothing to do with the sale of the house. Antônio never presented any documentation to prove that he had authorization from the family. For that matter, he was like someone off the street, most avid to get money by hook or by crook. 2) I was later told by a reliable source that the terms of payment must be written into the original contract of sale. Antônio's demands were not stated in the original notarized contract (photocopy included).

As stated in my previous letter, we had no time to get legal advice, nor even to know what Antônio was doing, since Antônio said, at 10:00 p.m. March 12th, that he wanted an answer from us the next morning, March 13th. He said he had another buyer, the Auxiliaries next door, offering more money for the house and ready to pay all at once. This was a lie to pressure Father to pay the balance right away. Antônio needed this money to pay for a factory he had just purchased. We found out later, from the Auxiliaries, that they will not close the deal until the end of July and that these Auxiliaries are offering \$3,600.00 less than we were offering for the house. Since Antônio could not get any money right away from the Auxiliaries (after Father was forced out of the deal) he asked Father for a loan of the \$13,000.00 we had in the bank. I heard Joseph say that "Our first obligation is to the Figueiredo family." How could he say this, knowing that we would have immediately gone bankrupt, and especially because our first obligation is to God. The mother, with her two daughters, had already told us, and I am a witness to this, that Father could pay for the rest of the house whenever he could. The mother, being the ninety percent owner, never stepped forward to stop her children from acting so unfairly and unjustly, but stayed hidden in her room. She should have stood up and said the proper thing to her children.

It is Father's deep conviction that Tereza and Antônio are going to be punished by God, during the span of their lives, for their utter unfairness against the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. Father says that they are going to go from misery to misery financially, besides having constant anguish of conscience because they know they have done wrong, even if they don't admit it. And it is their greediness that got the best of them. Those that have co-operated with them, like Joseph Langford, are going to be as miserable as they. Father says that time will tell. Father is emphatic about it. The only way they can avoid it, and they should for their good, is by sincerely repenting and making proper restitution. Restitution in this case means: 1) return of the \$15,000.00 downpayment; and 2) retracting of all the slander that Tereza and Antônio, together with Joseph Langford and his mother and Dennis Kelly have made against Father in the home of Tereza







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and António in Lisbon in their horrible session talking against Father. This also means that Joseph and his mother must repair for all the slander they gave in San Diego. Joseph was properly dismissed, in the name of God and of the Church, by the decision of three priests, and he should have taken that in a spirit of humility; because it was coming from God to him, as a punishment for the way he acted, and for his great infidelity to his vocation--preferring to please creatures instead of the Creator. In this case, to please the undue demands of his mother ("if Father doesn't buy the Casa da Azinheira, my son is coming home"), and betraying the Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration, first the founder, by slandering him in his awful pride, and then stealing \$15,000.00 from the Congregation and giving it to the Figueiredo family.

2) In reference to the first betrayal of Langford on January 27, 1972, when he let Tereza have her way, all of us, Langford, myself and Br. Aloysius Bessey had to sign the check because we were the president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. We had to sign the checks whenever money was drawn out of the Community checking account. Father wanted us to pay the downpayment from our checking account, but he asked us to get a lawyer and at least to have official notarized papers made up. We didn't have a community car at that time. As we were speaking to Father that day, January 27th, at the Casa da Azinheira, and Tereza, the married daughter of Mrs. Figueiredo, was pressuring us to hurry up and make the downpayment, she offered to take us in her car. As soon as we got into her car, she dictated the whole transaction, as to where we would go first--the bank. Then, after the money was transferred into her mother's bank account, with no papers to prove it, she meanwhile told us to save her \$1,800.00, or fifty contos in cash, for herself (she said she needed it before 4:00 p.m. to save her brother Francisco from going to jail in Leiria.) Tereza did not want to let us go to Leiria with her to get papers. She acted like a furious tigress and wouldn't move until we got out of her car. Br. Aloysius refused to let her go without him. Br. Joseph did nothing and neither did I. About a month later Father, in such great distress of heart as I have never seen him before, said to me that he felt that Joseph and I owed him and Br. Aloysius an apology. In particular, for having let Br. Aloysius Bessey suffer so much from the rebukes of Tereza and the others at the Casa da Azinheira. Br. Aloysius was really heroic in defending Father in that moment when he was so severely criticized and scolded by Tereza all the way to Leiria. I apologized to Father and then I went to tell Joseph and Br. Aloysius together what Father had said. I apologized then to Br. Aloysius. Joseph said nothing, even though it should have been easy to do so when I apologized to Br. Aloysius and said that Father had expected both Joseph and I to do the same. Joseph never apologized, neither to Br. Aloysius Bessey nor to Father. Father also told Joseph to tell Tereza how Father felt about her terrible way of acting. Father asked Joseph later whether he communicated this to Tereza and Joseph said "no". Father feels now that he should have told all of us to redo what was not done properly the first







*William Robert Bessey*

To whom it may concern:

I, William Robert Bessey, (formerly Brother Aloysius) treasurer for Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F. during (Nov. 1971 to June 1972) in Fatima, Portugal, make the following statements concerning the deposit on the Casa da Azinheira.

The following are listed to the best of my knowledge and memory. The exact names and dates may be verified from the accounting records taken during that time.

On January 27, 1972 after having lunch with my fellow brothers in the home of the Figueiredo family at the Casa da Azinheira, I was summoned to the family room of the same home. Present there were Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F. , Bro. Joseph, <sup>Lauffer</sup> Bro. Charles, <sup>Carpenter</sup> Maria Tereza Ventura, her children and mother and possibly others. I was informed of the discussion to purchase the Casa da Azinheira of which a deposit would be made on that afternoon. I was told by Fr. Ellacuria that the amount of deposit would be \$15,000.00 (405000\$00), and that the full price was agreed to be \$69,000.00 (1,900,000\$00).

Under great pressure from the family for a fast transaction and still being fully aware of the importance of maintaining a friendly while at the same time a business relation with the family of Casa da Azinheira I considered Fr. Aloysius' health and asked him only if I could obtain a notarized document of the transaction. This was agreed. Upon departing I made the request to have the document written up by Antonio, a local banker. I had previously sought business advice from Fr. Gabriel of the Beato Nuno. Fr. Gabriel recommended me to see Antonio a friendly and honest man that I could trust and who also spoke very good English, which was of a great help to me because at that time I was very limited in speaking Portuguese, especially for business purposes. 9